Concord School Newsletter

19 November 2026

Kia ora Concord School Whānau,
The end of the year is fast approaching, with only three more full weeks of school left to go. We have a lot coming up during those weeks, with some fun events and celebrations ahead (see more details below).
This afternoon will be our Care Time celebration, as well as our Year 5's visiting the KVC farm. Our Year 3 & 4 students are getting excited about their museum sleepover next week, we hope they will have a great time exploring the museum at night.

Please see below a summary of some important year end dates:

Date	Event
Thurs 26 Nov	Calendar art orders close
Friday 27 Nov	Parents' group Christmas raffle cards sent home
Friday 4 Dec	Mufti day and Christmas raffle hamper item collection (more information next week)
Mon 7 Dec	Leavers' night @ 5:30pm
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas raffle cards due back to school Final school swimming session
Mon 14 Dec	End of year prizegiving and Christmas raffle drawn @ 6pm
Tues 15 Dec	Last day of after school care
Wed 16 Dec	Last day of school for 2026 - **school closes 12:30pm**
Mon 1 Feb	First day of school for 2027

ABSENCES –
Please PHONE 488 2204, TEXT 027 391 9985, or use the Skool Loop app, by 9.00am, with the reason your child is absent (eg sick etc).

Don't forget to check our Facebook page for up-to-date information, messages, photos and videos: www.facebook.com/concordschooldunedin

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Fri 20th Nov - Orange Parade

Thurs 26th Nov - Yr 3&4 Museum Sleepover

Thurs 3rd Dec - Last Clever Cats for 2026

School Lunches:
Mon: BBQ Chicken Sub

Tues: Chicken Wraps

Wed: Beef Lasagne

Thurs: Ham Sandwich

Fri: Ham Sub

Substitutions may occur due to product availability.



Calendar Art Fundraiser
Orders close on **Thursday 26 November**, to allow for on time delivery before the end of the school year. If you need a spare form for your child's code, please contact the office.
We also have samples on display in the office next to the Care celebration voting boxes.

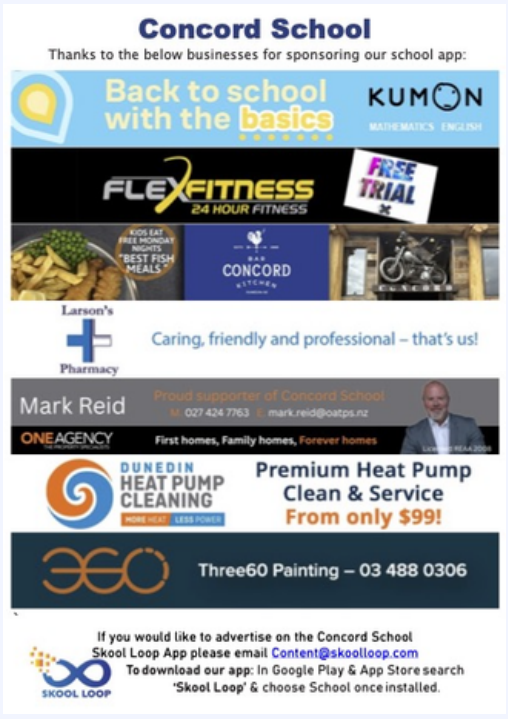
CARE Certificates
Congratulations to our recipients of the Concord School CARE Certificates from last Week. These students have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our school values.
Declan: For a strong and confident start to Concord School
Everleigh: Showing confidence settling into school routines.











Rest Home Tour

Well done to the 16 students who have been working alongside Hiliako to prepare a music set to perform at local rest homes. We were lucky enough to visit both St Clair Residential Care and Frances Hodgkins, where our students shared their musical talents with the residents.

It was fantastic to see the audience tapping along to the beat, singing along and thoroughly enjoying the performances. These visits are a small but meaningful way for our students to give back to the community and bring joy to others.

A big thank you to Hiliako for the time, effort and enthusiasm you put into our students and organising these events. They are such wonderful and rewarding experiences for our students!

Futsal

Futsal results this week:

Concord United played Balaclava NEVN Tahi, and Player of the Day was Beau.

Concord Shooters played Mornington Goalies, and Player of the Day was Cooper M.

Concord Strikers played Portobello Tītī, and Player of the Day was Elijah.

Swimming tomorrow

Students will need to bring:

- Togs
- Towel
- Goggles (if you do not have goggles, you can borrow a pair from school)
- Long hair needs to be tied up.

Our Draft Strategic Goals for 2027–2028

Following our recent updates, our Board has been working through community feedback to shape Concord School's strategic direction for the next two years.

We are pleased to share the Board's current draft strategic goals:

1. Enhance Maths Teaching Practices and Tamariki Achievement

2. Create a Dynamic and Inclusive Wellbeing Programme That Motivates and Inspires Tamariki

3. Deepen Whānau Connections Through Effective Communication and Inclusive Community Engagement.

These goals reflect the key themes that emerged from our community consultation and build on the many strengths that make Concord such a special place.

It is important to note that these are currently draft goals. While the main themes and direction are expected to remain the same, we may make minor adjustments over the coming month before we finalise our Strategic Plan in 2027.

We look forward to continuing this journey with our whānau and wider community.

Ako Tahi, Tipu Tahi – Together we learn and grow.